

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 726

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of J.H. "Tommy" Dykes of Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of J.H. "Tommy" Dykes; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Dykes was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes served with acumen and alacrity as superintendant with the Hawkins County School System for eleven years, in which position he earned the respect of teachers, students, and parents for his exemplary leadership until his well-earned retirement in 2003; and

WHEREAS, prior to his role as superintendant, Tommy Dykes served as a teacher and principal at McPheeters Bend, Kepler, and Volunteer High Schools, amassing forty-four years of experience as a dedicated educator; and

WHEREAS, his Baptist faith led to his active involvement in many community organizations, including serving as a charter member and past-president of the North Fork Ruritan Club, zone governor of Tennessean Ruritan, and a chairman for several years on the Hawkins County Election Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Dykes was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, a caring and loving family man, he was preceded in death by his parents, Claude and Rose Quillen Dykes, his brother, Quinten Dykes, his nephew, Gary Wagner, and his sister-in-law, Allerea Dykes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Linda Stacy Dykes, and was the proud father and father-in-law of Lynn Dykes, David and Nacole Dykes, Rhonda and Murray Cook, and Cathy and Bobby Franklin; and

WHEREAS, his memory will be forever cherished by his grandchildren, Jake, Jared, and Savannah Cook, Tony and Triston Franklin, and Dane, Dawson, and Brook Dykes; his brother, Archie Dykes, and his wife, Nancy; his sisters, Wanda Wagner, and her husband, Wayne and Mary Rose Thomisser, and her husband, Werner; his brother-in-law, Harry Stacy, and his wife, Charlene; his sisters-in-law, Shelby Gouge and Billie Stacy; a host of nieces and nephews; and many special friends; and

WHEREAS, Tommy Dykes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of J.H. "Tommy" Dykes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Dykes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.